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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NFIB/NFIC

SUBJECT: Proposed DCI Directive on Foreign Language Training

1. Reference is made to NFIB/NFIC-5.1/85, dated 9 February 1982, subject as above.

2. We have reviewed the draft directive and believe there is considerable merit in the creation of an Intelligence Community committee to address this particularly critical, community-wide concern. NSA intends to support the overall objectives of the committee and welcomes the opportunity to participate in the committee when it is constituted.

3. We feel that the primary task of the committee should be review of those overall considerations reflecting commonality of linguistic shortfall or potential gain, while recognizing that individual member organizations have unique linguist requirements, demanding specialized training outside those of the Intelligence Community in general. Therefore, NSA recommends the following modifications to the draft which retain the overall charge of the committee without encroaching on the managerial and technical autonomy necessary for member organizations to address their unique needs:

a. Paragraph 1, Mission.

(1) 4th line, delete "all".

(2) Sixth line, put a period after "the Community", and delete to the end of the sentence since it is both superfluous and potentially too limiting.

b. Paragraph 2, Functions.

(1) Sub-paragraph a. Change the first word from "Advise" to "Apprise".

(2) Sub-paragraph b. Change to read, "Recommend to the DCI new initiatives to be undertaken to ensure the continuing availability within the Intelligence Community of requisite foreign language competence."

(3) Sub-paragraph c. Add, "overall" between "Community's" and "foreign".

(4) Sub-paragraph e. Change to read, "Monitor approaches to the academic community for the training of Intelligence Community personnel in foreign languages and where possible, reduce duplicate efforts and ensure that programs serve Intelligence Community as well as individual Agency interests."

4. We request the opportunity to review the revised draft. Please advise if we can be of any assistance.



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